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## Letter from John Muir to Strentzel [Family], 1878 May 5.

John Muir

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1419 Taylor St.,  
San Francisco;  
May 5th, 1878.

Dear Strutzels.

I got slowly & rapidly  
back, in time to see the Swells off for  
Shasta. A boat arrived at the Martinez wharf  
just as the doctor got me down. I went  
aboard, but was turned back by a Guardian  
Angel, in the form of a black whiskered man,  
who informed me in time that his boat  
went to Sacramento. The right craft came  
at 5 O'clock.

Helen left this morning, & the house is in  
everyway most dolefully dull, & I won't  
stay in it, will go into the woods, perhaps  
about Mendocino, will see more trees.

Helen's lips closed very beautifully about the  
cherries. The granite blossoms came down in  
bare bush condition. I go in about two weeks  
to my regular summer work, in the meantime  
don't pull like writing, & will go for 8 or 10 days  
anywhere, I will not forget your kindness.

Yours truly  
John Muir